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TAKE THE BITE OUT OF MOSQUITOES!

Did you know that ANYTHING that holds water for one week outside can produce mosquitoes? YES! Even items such as birdbaths, saucers for potted plants, pet dishes, ornamental ponds and children's swimming pools. One of the easiest and most effective things you can do to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in your yard is to remove those things that collect water. When areas of standing water cannot be eliminated, the regular use of larvacide can prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Retail home improvement stores (such as Home Depot and Lowe's) sell larvacide tablets in packs of six for less than \$10. The tablets are effective for approximately a month.

Other things that you can do to protect yourself from the mosquitoes that you can't eliminate include wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants outside. Wear insect repellent with DEET anytime you are outside and be certain your children wear it for their outside activities. (Caution: DEET is not recommended for use on infants or by pregnant women.)

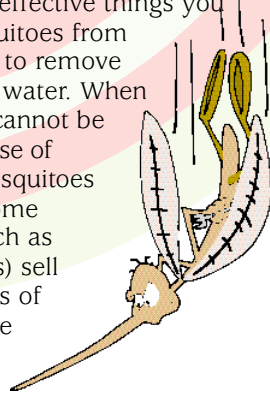
Also, prevent mosquitoes from coming inside by making sure the screens on your doors and windows are tight fitting.

The City of Marietta Public Works Department has implemented an Integrated Pest Management Program to help reduce the areas in which mosquitoes can reproduce. Specifically, the City is:

- Increasing public education efforts to notify residents of the most effective mosquito control methods.
- Aggressively abating standing water nuisances on private property by requiring stagnant water be eliminated or treated with larvacide on a regular basis.
- Treating standing water on city-owned properties with larvacide on regular intervals.
- Spraying for adult mosquitoes.

For more information on mosquito control, residents may call the Cobb County Board of Health at (770) 435-7815 or the Cobb County Extension Service at (770) 528-4070.

Marietta's Public Works Department offers several links for mosquito information on www.mariettaga.gov/pw. ⚡



Keep Your Plants Green This Summer Without Oversaturating Your Water Bill

Most people love the sight of fresh, green lawns, plants and gardens in the summertime. But if you use too much water to keep greenery lush, summer water bills can drain your bank account unnecessarily.

Fortunately, you can make your money and your water go a lot farther if you follow a few simple steps.

Obey Local Watering Restrictions. In Cobb County, homes with addresses that end with an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9) may water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays (no hourly limits). Homes with addresses that end with an even number may water only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays (no hourly limits). If state officials declare a

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drought, county officials may impose other restrictions. The extent of such additional restrictions will depend upon the severity of the drought, and these further restrictions may be imposed on a site-specific or regional basis.

Take Advantage of Rainy Days. Shut down automatic timers on sprinklers if the forecast calls for rain. Watering lawns and gardens on rainy days not only runs up your water bill unnecessarily, it could actually damage vegetation by oversaturating the soil.

Mulch to the Max. Putting mulch around trees and ornamental plantings reduces the rate at which water evaporates from the soil. Plus, it keeps weeds from growing, so the desired plants have all the water to themselves. Apply mulch evenly up to three inches deep in a wide ring around plants, but do not let the mulch touch the trunk of a plant or the side of your home.

Inspect Water Delivery Systems Regularly. Check your hoses, sprinklers and outdoor spigots frequently to make sure everything works properly. Replace or repair any gear that has a leak.


Water Vegetation Only. Target sprinklers so that you only hit your lawn or garden plants.

Don't waste your precious water on streets, driveways, hardscapes, walls or someone else's property.

Watch Your Washers. Keep a supply of new washers on hand and quickly replace any that deteriorate or fall out of hoses or sprinkler attachments.

Schedule Efficiently. The ground absorbs water best in the early morning and evening. Water also evaporates more slowly at those times of day. You should also avoid watering on days when it's very windy, because high winds make water evaporate faster and could carry it onto nearby pavement or other unwanted areas.

Time It Right. Don't set and forget sprinklers. Set an alarm clock, kitchen timer, watch alarm or some other timing mechanism to remind you to turn off the water at the proper time. If you need to have a supply of water at your fingertips for cleaning or outdoor watering, attach an adjustable shut-off nozzle to the end of your hose.

For more water-saving tips, please visit www.marietta.gov/water. 

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Glover Park Concert Series

Marietta Square
8 p.m.



Bring a blanket and enjoy a free evening concert under the stars on the historic Marietta Square. The Glover Park Concert Series is "the" place to be in Marietta the last Friday evening of each month April through August. Call (770) 429-1115 for information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Kids Chance Family Fun Fest

Jim R. Miller Park
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$7, children under 12 free. Moonwalks, petting zoon, pony rides, big slides, jousting, face painting, booths, dunk tanks, crafts, music and various other activities. This fun fest benefits Kids Chance, children of parents who have been catastrophically injured in a work-related injury. Call (770) 507-9866 for information.

MONDAY, JULY 4

Fourth in the Park

Glover Park in the Marietta Square
The annual Freedom Parade begins at 10 a.m. from the Roswell Street Baptist Church and continues on Roswell Street through the square. After the parade, the festival in the square will begin with children's activities, food, arts and crafts and entertainment. Call (770) 794-5601 for information.

MONDAY, JULY 4

Stars, Stripes, and Scarlett!

Marietta Gone With the Wind Museum Celebrates Independence Day on the Historic Marietta Square with Cammie King Conlon (Bonnie Blue Butler), Patrick Curtis (Baby Beau), Mickey Kuhn (Beau Wilkes as a child), and Fred Crane (Brent Tarleton). We are also excited to welcome Rhett Butler (his real name) and his famous 18-Wheeler Gone With the Wind Show Truck. For more information visit www.gwtwmarietta.com/july_4_2005.htm

JULY 18 THROUGH AUGUST 6 OCTOBER 10 THROUGH NOVEMBER 5

The Library Dragon

Theatre in the Square
Alley Stage
Ms. Deedy brings her beloved story about a thick-skinned librarian with a burning love of books to the Alley Stage for more fire-breathing family fun! Perfect for children ages 5 to 11. Call (770) 422-8369 for information.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

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